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Woolsey Prairie keeps attracting migrating and new resident birds

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Cc: Doug James , Joe Woolbright , bruceshackleford@aristotle.net Subject: Least Bittern, Nelson's at Woolsey Wet Prairie, Fayetteville

I birded Woolsey Wet Prairie in Fayetteville this morning. It was warm, windy, and overcast. Lots of "little brown jobs" got up and down and allowed me no good studies. However, I did observe a Nelson's Sharptailed Sparrow basically in the same area mentioned in my post of Oct. 10. I found a Least Bittern in one of the shallow pools with good cattail development. This is the NW part of the 30 acres; there are 2 big willow trees just NW of this pool (which appears to me to have the most cattails on the whole place). We have a handful of fall Least Bittern records for NWA, all in the first half of October. There may have been 2 birds, though I never observed 2 together.

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